UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION No. 12-md-2323 (AB)

MDL No. 2323

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint and (if applicable) <u>Portis v. National Football League [et al.]</u>, No. 13-cv-05192 (E.D. Pa.)

FREDDIE LEE SOLOMON, JR. and ANGIE SOLOMON, his wife

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

- 1. Plaintiff(s), **FREDDIE LEE SOLOMON**, **JR.**, (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) **ANGIE SOLOMON**, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this short form complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

| 4. | [Fill in if applicable] P | Plaintiff is filing this case in a r | representative capacity as the |
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| | of | , havir | ng been duly appointed as the |
| | by the | Court of | (Cross out |
| sentence bel | ow if not applicable.) Co | pies of the Letters of Adminis | stration/Letters Testamentary |
| for a wrongf | ul death claim are annexed | d hereto if such Letters are req | uired for the commencement |
| of such a cl | aim by the Probate, Surre | ogate or other appropriate co | urt of the jurisdiction of the |
| decedent. | | | |

- 5. Plaintiff, **FREDDIE LEE SOLOMON, JR.** is a resident and citizen of **Florida** and claims damages as set forth below.
- 6. [Fill in if applicable] Plaintiff's spouse, **ANGIE SOLOMON**, is a resident and citizen of **Florida** and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband/decedent.
- 7. On information and belief, the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, Plaintiff suffers (or decedent suffered) from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, the Plaintiff's (or decedent's) symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in the **United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida**. If the case is

remanded, it should be remanded to United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

| 9. | Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]: | | | |
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| | <u> </u> | Injury to Herself/Himself | | |
| | _ | Injury to the Person Represented | | |
| | _ | Wrongful Death | | |
| | _ | Survivorship Action | | |
| | <u>✓</u> | Economic Loss | | |
| | _ | Loss of Services | | |
| | | Loss of Consortium | | |
| 10. | [Fill i | n if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband FREDDIE LEE | | |
| SOLOMON | , JR. , P | laintiff's Spouse, ANGIE SOLOMON, suffers from a loss of consortium | | |
| including the | followi | ng injuries: | | |
| <u></u> ✓ los | s of mar | ital services; | | |
| ✓ loss of companionship, affection or society; | | | | |
| ✓ los | ss of sup | pport; and | | |
| <u>✓</u> mo | $\underline{\checkmark}$ monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to expend for the health | | | |
| care and personal care of her husband. | | | | |

11. [Check if applicable] ____ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) reserve(s) the right to object to federal jurisdiction.

| | | <u>DEFENDANTS</u> | | |
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| 12. | Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the | | | |
| following De | fendant | s in this action [check all that apply]: | | |
| | <u>√</u> | National Football League | | |
| | <u>√</u> | NFL Properties, LLC | | |
| | | Riddell, Inc. | | |
| | _ | All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.) | | |
| | _ | Riddell Sports Group, Inc. | | |
| | _ | Easton-Bell Sports, Inc. | | |
| | | Easton-Bell Sports, LLC | | |
| | _ | EB Sports Corporation | | |
| | _ | RBG Holdings Corporation | | |
| 13. | [Chec | ek where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above | | |
| the claims as | serted a | re: design defect; informational defect; manufacturing defect. | | |
| 14. | [Chec | ek if applicable] The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets | | |
| designed and | /or man | ufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or | | |
| decedent) pla | yed in t | he NFL and/or AFL. | | |

15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable] ✓ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] ____ the American Football League ("AFL") during **1995 to 1998** for the following teams: **Philadelphia Eagles**.

CAUSES OF ACTION

- 16. Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by reference in those Counts [check all that apply]:
 - ✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief Liability (Against the NFL))
 - ✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring (Against the NFL))
 - __ Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions (Against the NFL))
 - ✓ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL))
 - ✓ Count V (Fraud (Against the NFL))
 - ✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the NFL))
 - __ Count VII (Negligence Pre-1968 (Against the NFL))
 - ✓ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 (Against the NFL))
 - Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 (Against the NFL))
 - ✓ Count X (Negligence Post-1994 (Against the NFL))
 - ✓ Count XI (Loss of Consortium (Against the NFL and Riddell Defendants))

| <u> </u> | Count XII (Negligent Hiring (Against the NFL)) |
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| <u>√</u> | Count XIII (Negligent Retention (Against the NFL)) |
| _ | Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants)) |
| | Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants)) |
| _ | Count XVI (Failure to Warn (Against the Riddell Defendants)) |
| | Count XVII (Negligence (Against the Riddell Defendants)) |
| <u>✓</u> | Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment (Against All-the NFL Defendants)) |
| | Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or attach]: |
| <u>Consoi</u> | tium Claim is being asserted against the NFL and NFL Properties. |
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMANDED

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

DATED: this 17th day of September, 2013.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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